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SUBJECT: DRAFT CONVENTION ON TERRITORIAL ASYLUM

REFS: (A) GENEVA 358, (B) GENEVA 317

1. USDEL SHOULD VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO
PARAGRAPH 1 (A) REPORTED REFTEL (A). IT SHOULD ENDEAVOR
TO PROMOTE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF NEGATIVE VOTES AND SHOULD
SPEAK AGAINST THE AMENDMENT IN COMMITTEE.

2. POSITION PAPER INSTRUCTS USDEL TO SEEK DELETION FROM
PARA. 1 OF THE PHRASE, "INCLUDING THE STRUGGLE AGAINST
COLONIALISM AND APARTHEID" ON THE GROUND THAT THESE
WORDS ARE NECESSARILY COMPREHENDED BY "PERSECUTION FOR
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SHOULD OPPOSE THE PROPOSED ADDITION TO PARA. 1 (A) ON
THE SAME GROUND, STATING THAT, INSOFAR AS THERE IS
CONSENSUAL AGREEMENT IN THE UN ON THE MEANING OF THE
TERMS OF THAT PROPOSED AMENDMENT, IT IS ALREADY NECES-
SARILY COVERED BY THE PROVISIONS OF PARA. 1 (A). IT MAY
WISH TO ADD -- PROBABLY IN WEO CAUCUS RATHER THAN IN

COMMITTEE -- THAT, INsofar AS THERE IS NOT AGREEMENT ON THE MEANING OF THOSE TERMS (NOTABLY "RACISM"), THE ADDITION OF THIS AMENDMENT WOULD INTRODUCE A DIVISIVE ELEMENT IN THE CONVENTION WHICH COULD IMPAIR ITS WIDESPREAD RATIFICATION.

3. RE REFTel (B), AS USDEL WILL NOW APPRECIATE, THERE ARE NO DOMESTIC PROBLEMS WHICH SHOULD LEAD USDEL TO REMAIN SILENT ON ISSUES BEFORE CONFERENCE, WHETHER PROCEDURAL OR SUBSTANTIVE. USDEL SHOULD PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE DESIGNED TO PRODUCE A REALISTIC CONVENTION TO WHICH USG COULD ADHERE.
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